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Language Requirements of Support Personnel ▆▆▆▆▆   25X1A6a

1. Attached is a tabular statement of language requirements of
support personnel ▆▆▆▆▆. This was prepared on the basis of my   25X1A6a
own interpretation of these requirements, but I did cross-check the
views expressed here with ▆▆▆▆▆▆ Chief of Support, EE,   25X1A9a
who generally shares my opinions.

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2. ▆▆▆ is the only language which support personnel in   25X1A6a
▆▆▆▆ require, except in the case of ▆▆▆▆▆▆. The
peculiar skills required by the latter are reflected in a note at the   25X1A
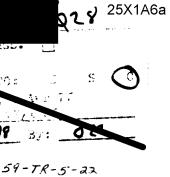bottom of the attached list.

3. I have shown a language requirement only where I believe
it essential. I am sure you appreciate that all the support personnel
▆▆▆▆▆ could perform their jobs more effectively if they had a   25X1A6a
knowledge of ▆▆▆▆, and this is particularly true of all those   25X1A6a
individuals whose duties require them to deal with indigenous
personnel. The latter statement is applicable to practically all
support personnel there except finance and personnel officers.

4. I have shown the minimum proficiency required in each
instance. It goes without saying that a higher level of proficiency
would enhance the usefulness of the individual in each case.

5. I believe the attachment is entirely realistic as of the
moment. Taking a five-year view, I would say the requirements
might require some upgrading if the general level of language
proficiency throughout the Agency advances sharply. It would be
this latter influence more than the intrinsic requirements of the jobs
themselves that would require such an upgrading. Of course, any

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6. I haven't included Commo personnel because I don't feel really competent to comment on their language requirements. However, it is my impression that the only Commo people for whom language is essential are those engaged in agent training. This is a very small group, but their language proficiency should be no less than intermediate and should include languages ████████████ 25X1A

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